

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 60 and 61 of Article 3 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Baltimore County", sub-title "Bridges", be, and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1945.

Approved April 5, 1945.

CHAPTER 620.

(House Bill 741)

AN ACT to repeal Sections 256 to 256U, inclusive, of Article 2 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Anne Arundel County", sub-title "Dogs", as said sections were enacted by Chapter 255 of the Acts of 1937, and as said sections were amended by Chapter 283 of the Acts of 1941, and to enact in lieu thereof twenty-two new sections, to be known as Sections 256 to 256U, inclusive, authorizing and directing the County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County to establish and maintain a department for supervision of dogs, providing for the licensing of dogs, the appointment, powers and duties and payment of dog Wardens and the employment of adequate personnel, the payment of damages caused by dogs, the establishment and maintenance of pounds, the purchase of necessary equipment, and authorizing the County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County to make necessary rules, regulations and provisions for a complete and effective enforcement of this Act in Anne Arundel County, and further authorizing the County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County, in their discretion, to suspend the operation of this Act; in the event of an enactment of a State law for the same purpose.

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Act is to afford protection to persons and their property, to charge owners of dogs with full responsibility for such ownership, while at the same time it endeavors to insure protection and fair treatment for man's best friend, the dog, who, although eloquent in his own language, of necessity stands mute before any court sitting in judgment on him; therefore, any reasonable doubt in administering this Act shall be resolved in favor of any dog whose liberty or life is at stake; therefore